

# 2008 Virginia Interoperable Communications Conference Norfolk, Virginia

## Tuesday, September 30

8:00am            **Continental Breakfast**  
                     **Vendor Exhibits Open**

9:00am            **Welcome**

9:05am            **Opening Remarks**

9:20am            **Thank You & SIEC Introductions**

9:30am            **Year In Review**

10:15am           **Remarks from Chris Essid, Office of Emergency Communications**

10:45am           **Break ~Vendor Exhibits**

11:15am           **Breakout Sessions**

**Breakout 1: Grant Writing/Training Panel**

- A discussion of key points on grant applications, writing & administering grants

**Breakout 2: Interoperable Capabilities Available to Localities in an Emergency**

- A discussion of state assets available to localities in an emergency and the process for localities to request it.

**Breakout 3: Federal Panel**

- A discussion of several federal initiatives including the National Response Framework, NIMS, FRAC, NPSPAC usage, SAFECOM, narrowbanding and rebanding

12:30pm           **Luncheon & Keynote Address**  
                     Inspector Lance Valcour, *Ottawa Police Service*  
                     A discussion of cross-border issues regarding interoperability

2:30pm            **Breakout Sessions**

**Breakout 1: Commonwealth Grants Update**

- An update on grant awards, including the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant Program, Small Radio Cache awards, and the Homeland Security Grant Program

**Breakout 2: Crisis Management Systems and GIS**

- A discussion on providing interoperability through effective situation awareness

### **Breakout 3: Interoperability for State & Local Executives and Planners**

- A discussion on why interoperability is important to the non-practitioner

3:45pm **Break ~Vendor Exhibits**

4:15pm **Regional Preparedness Advisory Committee-Interoperability Sub Committee Meetings**

Convene in the main room for directions on regional breakouts.

6:00pm **Vendor Exhibits Close**

## **Wednesday, October 1**

8:00am **Continental Breakfast  
Vendor Exhibits Open**

9:00am **Welcome Back**

9:15am **Virginia Tech & Northern Illinois University Discussion**

10:45am **Break ~Vendor Exhibits**

11:15am **Breakout Sessions**

### **Breakout 1: Finding Grant Funds**

- A discussion on how localities can best use their resources to find grants that apply to their needs

### **Breakout 2: Creating Effective Governance Structures**

- An overview of challenges faced when creating governance and how to overcome those challenges.

### **Breakout 3: Statewide Communications System Discussion**

- A discussion of what systems are currently available, what is anticipated in the near future, and how localities can connect

12:30pm **Luncheon & Keynote Address**

Invited Chief Kim Zagaris, *Fire and Rescue Branch for the Governor's Office of Emergency Services*

A discussion of the recent wildfires in California

2:15pm **The Future of Interoperability**

- A discussion of the options available for communications build-out in the Commonwealth

3:15pm **Conference Recap & Closing**

Constance McGeorge, *Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator*

3:30pm **Vendor Exhibits Close**